



Lake Powell – Information and Updates—5/24/04

CURRENT WATER LEVELS ALLOW ONE TO “REDISCOVER THE BEAUTY” OF LAKE POWELL AND GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.

COME REDISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF:

- ✦ Hiking and exploring areas that haven't been seen in over 30 years.
- ✦ Large sandy beaches that make great camping spots for tent camping or houseboats.
- ✦ Traveling the lake by personal watercraft, kayak, or canoes to discover treasures around every bend.
- ✦ Teaching your children to protect Lake Powell's water quality and other precious natural resources.
- ✦ Fishing with your children and grandchildren. Fishing is great! Visit www.wayneswords.com for all the best fishing spots on Lake Powell.
- ✦ The California condors flying free.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Boat tours are available departing from Wahweap. Bullfrog boat tours are available as needed.
- Houseboat and small boat rentals are available at Wahweap and Bullfrog - for information call ARAMARK 1-800-528-6154 or www.visitlakepowell.com.
- The Wahweap Campground/Store/Laundry picnic area and all public restrooms in the Wahweap/Coves area are open.
- When camping on Lake Powell, **in areas more than 200 yards from a constructed toilet facility**, a method of containing solid human waste **is required**.
- **Rainbow Bridge National Monument** trail is open. **BE PREPARED** as the walk from the courtesy docks to the viewing point is approximately 1½ miles - wear proper footwear and take water.
- Floating restrooms are operational with the exception of the one located at Oak Creek, which is currently grounded and will be relocated, and the White Canyon floating restroom which will be relocated to Good Hope in May.
- **Please Remember** - Discharging or using fireworks is prohibited within Glen Canyon NRA at all times.
- For up-to-date information on Glen Canyon NRA, please visit our web site at www.nps.gov/glca.

Public Launching Facilities: (lake level on 5/24/04– 3586')

- For information on lake levels visit the Bureau of Reclamation's web site at www.usbr.gov/uc/

Wahweap/Stateline

- **Wahweap Main Ramp** is open. This ramp was extended 150' and has a 9% grade.
- For safety reasons, effective May 1st, parking on the Wahweap Main Ramp will be allowed on the left side only (going down) as long as it does not interfere with launching capabilities.
- **Stateline Ramp** has been extended approximately 300' with an 8% grade and is open - however, launching is at own risk – be prepared as the ramp has a very shallow slope.
- A courtesy dock is in place on the point on the left side of the ramp.
- At this time, **Stateline boat pumpout is not operational**, use the Wahweap pumpout.
- Portable toilet dump station and restroom facilities are open.
- Parking will be allowed along both sides of the ramp as long as it does not interfere with launching capabilities.

Lone Rock Beach

- Lone Rock is open for vehicle accessible camping and day use.
- The vault toilets north of the beach access entrance road are open. All micro-flush facilities and the restroom will be open by April 23rd.
- All pet waste must be contained and disposed of in the same manner as human waste.

- The sand at the south end of the beach is extremely soft and vehicle access may be minimal.

Antelope Point

- The Antelope Point public launch ramp **is closed** to launching of most vessels with the exception of kayaks, canoes and personal watercraft. The right side of the ramp is deeper and more suitable for personal watercraft launching. The ramp was extended approximately 200', has a 9-11% grade. A courtesy dock is in place.
- Parking will be allowed along both sides of the ramp as long as it does not interfere with launching capabilities.
- This ramp will open for launching of most vessels **when water levels permit**.
- **CAUTION** – Construction activity and truck traffic is on-going in the area. All visitors must stay on the paved road to access the public ramp.
- The area is open for day use. **Fee Stations will begin collecting fees starting Thursday, May 27th**. Valid passes purchased from other Glen Canyon NRA fee stations will be honored.
- Rough grading of marina roads, parking areas, concessioner ramp, and dry storage is on-going. Slips and walkways are being installed. Rental houseboats will be available soon. For up-to-date information on the marina construction visit Antelope Point Holding's web site at www.azmarinas.com.

Bullfrog

- **Bullfrog Main Ramp** is open and has been extended nearly 400' with a 7% grade. However, the width of the ramp has been narrowed to 75' and the ramp has a very shallow slope – NPS recommends this launch ramp for boats 30' or less. Larger boats will be directed to the primitive dirt launch site near the main ramp until the new Bullfrog North Ramp is useable.
- **New Bullfrog North Ramp**. A new 400' long, 50' wide ramp, with a 9% grade, and access road has been constructed north of the existing ramp near the boat rental operation and **will open as water levels permit**. Look for new signage upon entry into the Bullfrog developed area.
- The **Bullfrog pumpout is not operational** – Please use the pumpout at Halls Crossing. The Bullfrog pumpout will be moved to a new location near the new larger boat ramp and should be operational within the next few weeks.
- The Lake Powell Ferry continues to launch from Hobie Cat Beach.

Halls Crossing

- The fuel dock and pumpout are operational at Halls Crossing. **BE AWARE** boaters must provide their own fittings for the pumpout.
- With current lake levels, the Lake Powell Ferry will continue to launch from the public boat ramp. **FOR SAFETY REASONS BE PREPARED** for short delays in launching at the Halls Crossing Ramp during times the ferry is docking.

**** BOATERS BE ADVISED – THERE ARE NO ON-WATER FUELING FACILITIES UPLAKE BEYOND HALLS CROSSING MARINA.**

Hite

- With the current lake levels, **there are no marina facilities or public launch ramp at Hite**. A dirt takeout area for river rafters has been developed on the west side of the river. This is a primitive road and requires 4-wheel drive to access the river. This is not a boat launching area.
- All water-based marina facilities have been relocated to marina areas downstream.
- For information on available land-based facilities call 435-684-2278 for operating hours. Facilities include family housekeeping units, gas station, store, and dry storage.
- Hite has a NPS ranger station and primitive camping area – however, this camping area is not accessible to the water.

Areas Inaccessible Under Current Water Levels:

- **Castle Rock Cut** - All travel from Wahweap uplake must follow the main channel.
- Vehicle access to the lake is not possible at **Crosby Canyon**.
- **Defiance House and Three Roof Ruins** are inaccessible by water.

- In the **uplake areas**, vehicle access to the lake is not possible at ***Dirty Devil, Farley, White Canyon, and North & South Bullfrog*** primitive camping areas. However, visitors to the Bullfrog area who would like to have a vehicle- accessible camping experience may use the ***Stanton Creek*** primitive camping area – **see note above on requirements for human waste containment**. The developed campground at Bullfrog Marina is also open for campers.

Channel Markings at Current Water Levels:

- Boaters are now required to follow the main channel to the north and west of Padre Butte - the channel is marked.
- The marked channel has been realigned beginning at buoy 16 through 20C. To reduce congestion in the narrowing channel by Day Mark 19, the channel is now marked to the south toward Labyrinth Canyon.
- **Boaters – Be Aware:** Due to narrowness of channel from Anchovy Point to Antelope Point Marina site be prepared for rough water.
- **Wakeless Zones: - Boat with Caution – PLEASE ADHERE TO FLAT WAKE RULES**
 - At the intersection of Wahweap Bay (Anchovy Point) near the dam and the main channel.
 - Within the breakwater and wakeless buoys around the Antelope Point public launch ramp.
 - At the Antelope Point Marina site.

HOLIDAY TIPS:

- Over the holiday weekend avoid launch lines by launching at other than peak launch times between 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM at Wahweap and between 8:30 AM and 1:30 PM at Bullfrog.
- For those boaters traveling uplake from Wahweap be patient, with new wakeless zones, it will take longer. Allow for extra time to reach your destination.
- Carbon monoxide is a “silent killer.” Know where your vessel exhausts and keep everyone out of harms way. “Teak surfing” is an extremely dangerous activity and can be deadly to those who participate. Protect your loved ones – boat safely and have an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend.